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SUCCESSFUL GOLDEN EGG HUNTERS Ella May, Stetson Reynolds, Rian Skarsen and Broden Ockerman were presented with stuffed animals and buckets of Easter treats by firefighters Jon Schmitt, Waylon May and Haleigh Votour on Friday morning at the conclusion of the Elk Point Firefighters Association's 10th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. More photos, Page 8. Vicki Brooker photo

Tenth year for pancakes, egg hunt

VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff

Elk Point Firefighters Association hosted their 10th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 19, with an just under 350 people on hand to enjoy the food, fellowship and fun.

With the final pancakes flipped, Robert Smith addressed the crowd to pay tribute to former fire chief Lyle Frisby, who lost his life in a tragic accident on April 1.

"We lost a firefighter who was very active for this group, very active in this community, and who was always a big part of this event, because of the kids."

This year's egg hunters were divided into four age groups, with age three and under first to head upstairs to begin the hunt, followed in turn by the seven to nine-year-olds, four to six and 10 to 12-year-old groups.

When every last egg was hunted down, the four lucky finders of the golden eggs were presented with buckets of Easter treats and stuffed animals, before Lyle's mother Jeannette Frisby drew the first of a dozen names for some special door prizes.

Hanson elected in Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul

JANICE HUSER
 Review Contributor

United Conservative Party candidate David Hanson has been elected to the legislature to represent the Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul constituency, taking a convincing majority of the total votes cast.

Previously, Hanson was the member for Lac-La-Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills. The area was split into multiple new ridings when the electoral boundaries were redrawn.

"I'm very excited, not only for myself but for my entire campaign team and all the people who helped out and supported all the way through this 28 days," said Hanson, who according to unofficial, preliminary results from Elections Alberta received 73 per cent per cent of the popular vote in the riding.

New Democratic Party candidate Kari Whan received about 14 per cent of the vote, while Alberta Party candi-

date and former St. Paul mayor Glenn Andersen received about 10 per cent.

"We worked really hard, we knocked on just about 8,000 doors. We went to three political forums. We've done everything we can to get the message out, and quite frankly I think the key issue that was out there was people didn't want to split the vote, and that was from one end of the province to the other," said Andersen, as votes were still being counted, Tuesday night.

The UCP took 63 seats, while the NDP will form the official opposition with 24 seats. Although the Alberta Party garnered about 10 per cent of the vote province-wide, they did not win any seats.

Elections Alberta also reported that voter turnout was at 71 per cent, compared to 57 per cent in the 2015 provincial election, and just 40 per cent in 2008.

Over 1.8 million Albertans cast ballots out of a total of 2.6 million registered electors.

In the Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul area, voter turnout was 73 per cent, with 21,842 of 30,062 electors casting ballots.

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ELECTION VICTORY - David Hanson shares big election night smile with wife Donna after his landslide victory as the first MLA in the new Bonnyville - Cold Lake - St. Paul constituency.

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SPERD budget delayed by provincial election

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

St. Paul Education's budget for the 2019-20 school year has been delayed by the April 16 election and subsequent change in the provincial government.

"At this time of year we're usually full steam ahead already in April, and by May we're making some very clear decisions," said Heather Starosielski, the board chair.

Typically, the board's budget is due May 30. Prior to dissolving the legislature, the NDP had extended that deadline to June 30. The United Conservative Party won a majority government in the election and will be sworn in on April 30.

"However, our budget is largely based on the budget of the provincial government and whatever grants they give to us, and now it's a little bit unclear," said Starosielski.

She said because of recent agreements made between the Alberta Teacher's Association (ATA) and Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) they were anticipating an increased cost of \$400,000 plus. "We're unsure if it will be supported by Government of Alberta dollars or if it will have to come from somewhere in St. Paul Education's budget," said Starosielski.

Combined with the declining enrolment in SPERD, 410 students over the last five years according to Starosielski, it makes for a correction in the range of \$1.5 million expected for the SPERD budget in 2019-20.

According to SPERD superintendent Glen Brodziak, administration and schools have been having preliminary budget discussions.

"This is going to be one of the more difficult budgets we've ever had to deliver . . . They are planning their budgets based on a couple of scenarios and like you, we're waiting. And it's hard, because sooner or later we have to make a decision," said Brodziak.

He said the priority for the division continues to be keeping class sizes as small as possible.

Starosielski said even with the deadline for the budget extended to June 30, the division needs to make decisions about staffing for next year well before then.

She noted in previous years they had chosen to fund deficit budgets with reserves, "however they're getting to a point where that is no longer sustainable."

"In the meantime, we'll definitely congratulate the new MLAs and hopefully set up meetings so they can learn more about St. Paul Education, and to start lobbying on behalf of our students and our staff," said Starosielski.

St. Paul Education Regional Division has schools located in the constituencies of Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, and Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville. All three areas elected UCP MLAs.

Ashmont School official opening delayed to fall

Although staff and students moved into the school in the fall of 2018, the official opening of the new Ashmont School is being delayed until the fall of 2019.

According to St. Paul Education Regional Division superintendent Glen Brodziak, operations of the provincial government had been at a standstill since the writ for the April 16 election was dropped. He noted that the parking lot of the school still needs to be paved, along with some other work remaining outside.

Given the official opening of a school is ordinarily attended by the Minister of Education and local MLA, Brodziak suggested it might be prudent to wait until the fall. Trustees voted to table the matter until their September meeting, with the expectation of an official opening happening by November.

Changes to School Fees

Trustees voted to approve suggested increases to a number of school fees, including the introduction of a \$35 fee for rope course, canoeing, and wall-climbing activities at Two Hills Mennonite School, and an \$80 fee for a two-day trip to Kananaskis by Mallaig School.

In schools across the division, most fee increases were related to travel costs and admissions for field trips.

"Transportation is going up for all areas, not just field trips. And they're hard to predict as well. In this case, we're seeing schools estimate their costs for a trip that might be next spring," said Jean Champagne, secretary-treasurer for the division.

Board supports anti-vaping legislation

Trustees voted to sign a statement of support for anti-vaping legislation passed in 2013 but never proclaimed into force. Under the law, if the legislation is not proclaimed by the end of 2019 it is automatically repealed.

"It did have all party support back in 2013, it was just never proclaimed. So hopefully this is just a simple get it back on the books," said Heather Starosielski, the SPERD board chair.

The Tobacco Reduction Amendment Act banned flavoured waterpipe tobacco, also called shisha, as well as the use of water pipes indoors, and banned using e-cigarettes or vaping in public establishments.

According to Brodziak, the division has seen an increase in e-cigarettes, flavoured tobacco, and vaping and sent a letter home to parents about the issue several months ago.

"We've seen increased use. So we would support the government's push to look at this," said Brodziak.

According to information from the Campaign For A Smoke Free Alberta, vaping among Alberta high school students almost tripled between 2015 and 2017, with more than 35,000 youths reporting use of e-cigarettes.

MNP LLP chosen as auditor

Administration and the audit committee recommended MNP LLP be selected as the auditors for SPERD. According to Champagne, the committee received seven proposals and interviewed three firms.

"The strengths of MNP were they do the most audits in the province, and the deciding factor in their favour was that they have a lot of experience in other sectors and we can use that expertise as well," said Champagne.

According to Champagne, the agreement would be year-to-year, so there was no long-term commitment required by the board.

"We'll also see a significant reduction in cost," said Champagne.

Trustee Justin Anderson made a motion to approve MNP LLP as the auditors for SPERD. That motion carried.

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20th annual STARS Golf tourney set for June 5

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Planning is underway for the 29th Annual Elk Point Emergency Services Golf Tournament, with the date for the STARS fundraiser set for Wednesday, June 5.

Kassandra Moores of the organizing committee is hoping to boost attendance this year and is hoping to keep both entry fees and costs of operating the tournament low to increase the amount donated to this very worthy cause of keeping Alberta's air ambulance service in the sky.

Donations of door prizes and silent auction items will be welcomed, as well as sponsorship for the event. Watch for further details.

Election

(Continued from Front Page)

"I think we've definitely woken up Albertans and they've realized how important politics is and party policy and how it affects their daily lives. We've definitely seen that in the results with the advanced polls, with the number of people that came out and the numbers tonight, definitely a swing towards UCP, and we need to get to work," said Hanson.

Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

In the Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville constituency, UCP candidate Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk had 53 per cent of the vote, according to unofficial

results from Elections Alberta. The area includes the communities of Two Hills, Myram and Derwent.

NDP candidate Jessica Littlewood had 29 per cent of the vote, while Alberta Party candidate Marvin Olsen had over 12 per cent.

Advanced polls

According to Elections Alberta, a total of 696,000 Albertans voted at advanced polls, including 223,000 people who cast ballots outside of their electoral division.

Over 8,700 people in the electoral division voted at the advanced polls in the Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul electoral division.

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Student Vote elects UCP majority government

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

While the provincial election results were called early in the night on April, the results from Student Vote were known even earlier, and saw a very similar result with students across the province voting to elect a UCP majority government.

The Student Vote program saw more than 165,000 elementary and high school students take part in the mock provincial election. Students first took time to learn about democracy and what it means to be an informed citizen, researching parties and platforms, and even debating the future of Alberta in class.

Then, students cast ballots for the official candidates running in their electoral division.

Results from the Student Vote saw the UCP win a majority government with 49 seats. The NDP would form the official opposition with 35 seats, and the Alberta Party won three seats.

A number of schools throughout the area took part

in this year's Student Vote. Students from Ashmont, Elk Point Elementary, F. G. Miller School, Glen Avon School, Glendon School, Heinsburg, Mallaig, New Myrnam School, Racette Junior High, St. Paul Alternate Education Centre, St. Paul Regional High School, and École du Sommet joined an even longer list of schools in the Student vote process.

The Student Vote reflected some similar results in a couple of the local electoral districts when compared to results from the actual election.

In the Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul electoral division, UCP David Hanson was elected by the students with 44 per cent of the vote. Coming in second was Alberta Party candidate Glenn Andersen with 25 per cent of the vote, and in third was NDP Kari Whan with 14 per cent of the vote.

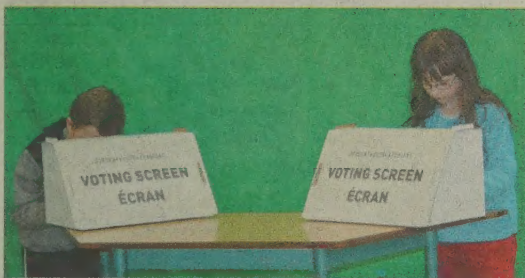
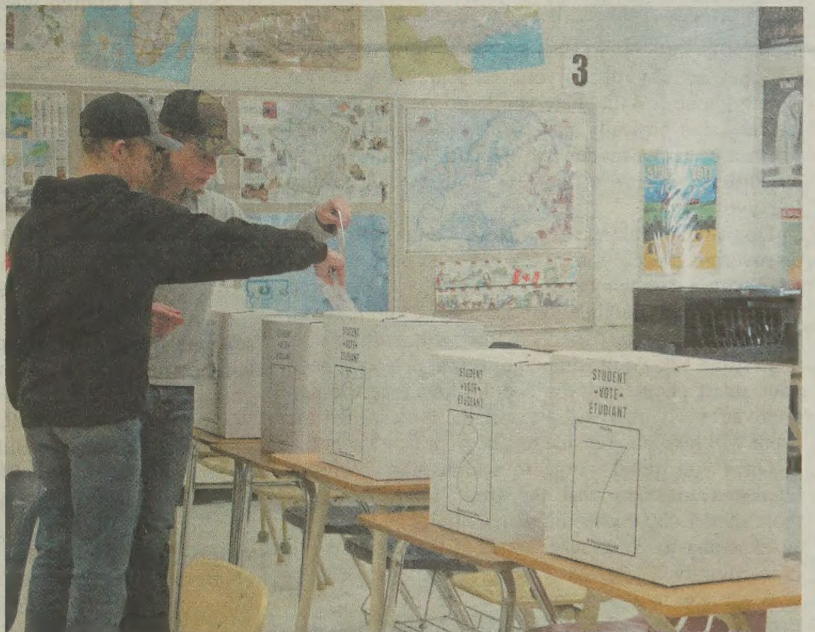
In the Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock electoral division, UCP Glenn Van dijk received 50 per cent of the student vote, with the Alberta Party candidate, Wayne Rufiange, coming in second at 23 per cent, and NDP Therese Taschuk receiving 14 per cent of

the vote.

In the Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville electoral district, students would elect NDP Jessica Littlewood with 34 per cent of the vote, and the UCP's Jackie Armstrong Homeniuk came in second with 30 per cent. The Alberta Party candidate (Marvin Olsen) again took third place with 18 per cent of the vote. Two Hills School and New Myrnam School voted in this electoral district.

In the actual election, the First Saskatchewan-Vegreville electoral district elected Armstrong Homeniuk with 53 per cent of the vote, according to the unofficial results posted on the Elections Alberta website.

The Student Vote program is conducted in partnership with Elections Alberta, The Alberta Teachers' Association, the Edmonton Community Foundation, the Calgary Foundation, the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada and is offered to all schools at no cost.



STUDENT VOTERS made their mark at Elk Point schools last week. At top right, poll clerks check Elk Point Elementary students off the voters' list and hand over the ballots. Above and left, voters from both schools make their decisions, before depositing the ballots in the ballot boxes.

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EDITORIAL

What would we do without them?

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Whatever would we do if they weren't there to make sure things kept rolling along? Who would answer our phones, fill up and un-jam the photocopier, field calls from salesmen selling things we have no possible need for, weed through the emails and dispense with the clutter before sending the important mail our way, and tell callers that we are busy right now but we will definitely call them back when we are out of our meetings?

Those of us who sometimes get left alone in our offices while our administrative staff takes a lunch break or a well-earned day off know the value of these hardworking helpers, who take a lot of the frustrations out of our lives, smooth the paths to progress and make our lives less chaotic, all too often without being told what a fantastic job they are doing, how much they are appreciated and how we'd really hate to get along without them.

This is their week. Buy them flowers, take them to lunch, and make sure to say thanks for all they do.

RECREATION CORNER

Let's go on a Geocaching adventure!

CRISTIN TCHIR
Recreation Coordinator

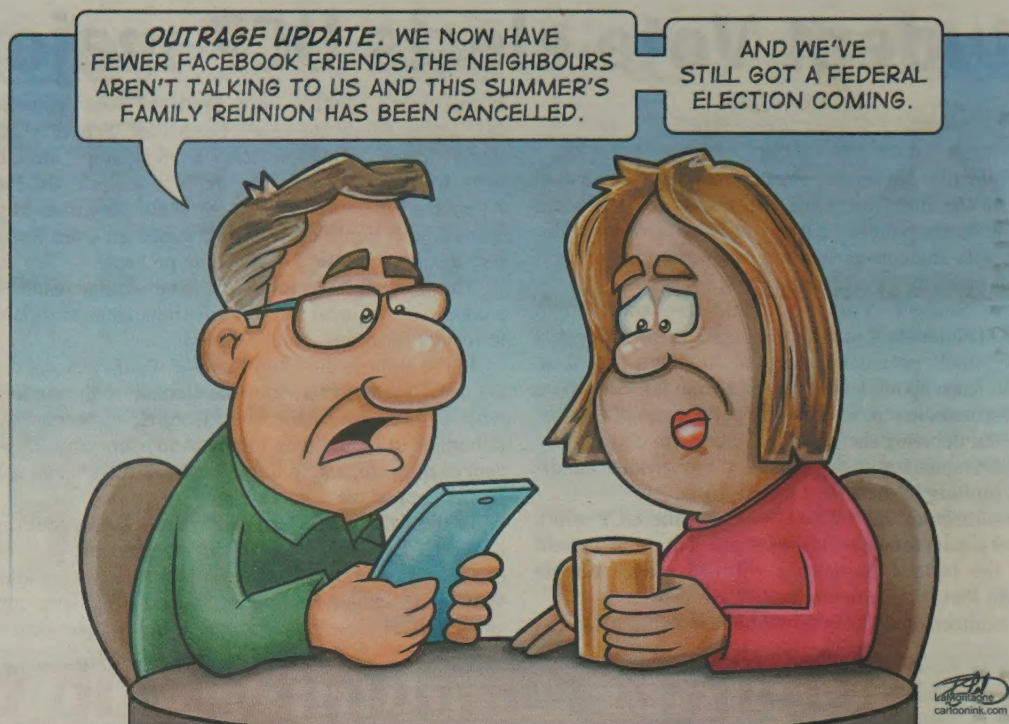
What exactly is Geocaching? It's an outdoor recreational activity using your GPS tracking device (smart phone). With that, you'll go on the hunt for 'caches', it's basically modern-day treasure hunting! There are caches hidden all over the world, even in our little town! It's a fun activity the whole family can enjoy.

Do you like making new friends, learning fun facts, discovering places you never knew existed in your neighborhood or being active outside? If you answered yes to any of these, then join our guest Cynthia Koss, a local Geocaching expert on May 4th, starting at 1 p.m. at the Elk Point Municipal Library. You'll need your smart phone and you should download the app in advance. Cynthia will go over the basics, then the event will take you outside to find your first cache!

Once you get the urge to search, you might be interested to know that the Iron Horse Trail has more than 1,400 caches hidden along its length, from Waskatenau to Heinsburg, some of them in the Elk Point vicinity.

Since you're already outside on the hunt, why not track your activity? UWALK.ca is a site that challenges you to move, with fun challenges like Walk 1,000 km in 2019, or if you're ambitious, climb Mount Everest! You can sign up as an individual, team or community. Elk Point does have a community, when you sign up, select Elk Point #therightplacetobe and get walking!

Let's climb Mount Everest!



WAY BACK WHEN...

Recreation development, DARE program, 'great day for libraries'

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23 IN...

1984

Mayor Ed Buck told the chamber of commerce that the town was contemplating purchase of a tract of land for a golf course, ball diamonds and rodeo grounds and had \$86,000 in the bank earmarked for recreational development.

1989

Mayor Bruce Kleeberger proclaimed April 23 to 30 as 'Save the Children Week' when Marnie McCowan, Tina and Colin Bjorkman of the Elk Point chapter of CANSAVE visited town council.

1994

The future of the abandoned rail line between Elk Point and Heinsburg and its potential use as a recreational corridor for horse and ATV enthusiasts, snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, cyclists and hikers was discussed by close to 50 landowners and other interested individuals at a meeting in Elk Point, with a few landowners feeling it should be strictly for pasture.

1999

Forty-two Elk Point Elementary School Grade Six students were better equipped to deal with the problems of drugs, alcohol and peer pressure when they graduated from the DARE Program during Education Week, with Spirit of DARE awards going to outstanding students Courtinee Bintz and Brett Bekker.

2004

Talent exploded in Elk Point, with juniors Coral Littlejohn of Bonnyville and Samantha Novlan and youths Cory Poitras of St. Paul and Greg Wood of Bonnyville going on to further competition at Edmonton Northlands during Klondike Days.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

2009

What Minister of Municipal Affairs Ray Danyluk called "A great day for libraries" saw Northern Lights Library System staff and boards and staff of libraries across the province glued to teleconference screens as Premier Ed Stelmach announced a 39 per cent increase in provincial funding for libraries.

2014

Elk Point town council considered adding more angle parking on main street, after receiving a request from a local business owner, but Mayor Parrish Tung said he would like feedback from the community on the change, and along with council, "would like to see if the RCMP has concerns" with the proposed change.



AN EGG-CELLENT HUNT! Elk Point volunteer firefighters Jon Schmitt (left) and Mark Gormley congratulate the winners at the Fifth Annual Good Friday Egg Hunt. Tiny Heidi Sibal, in the age four and under group, shown with dad Elvis, Ethan Castle-Wassen, in the five- to eight-year-old group, and Wolke Cueva, in the nine to 12 group, battled their way through crowds of hunters and tracked down the big golden eggs to qualify for the grand prize baskets of Easter goodies, after first enjoying a great pancake breakfast.

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Elk Point's 2018-19 Gymkhana series wraps up

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Review Staff



Elk Point's 2018-19 Gymkhana series wrapped up on Good Friday, a series that Jackie Hebert said was "one of our biggest, and we are grateful for all the support and help. It takes everybody, throughout the winter, to carry this on."

After a final round of barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole races, flag picking and roping, it was prize time.

Mites Brooke, Teal, Kyle and Trista all received buckets of goodies before the year end prizes were handed out for the most points accumulated over the winter.

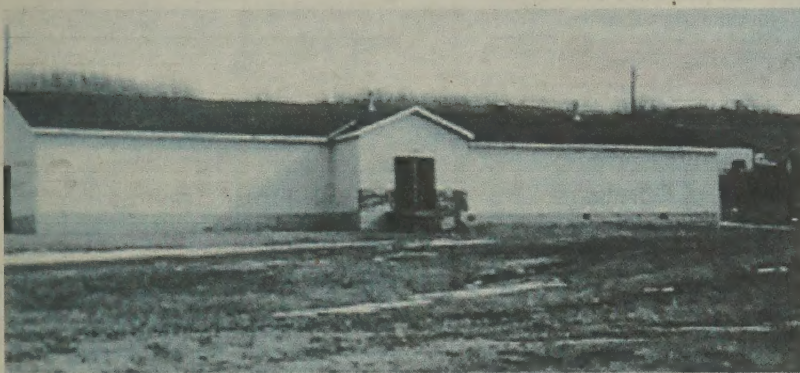
Winners from the Junior group were 1. Hayden Irwin, 2. Erin McCormack, 3. Cole Irwin.

Youth winners were 1. Kennedy Hebert, 2. Taylor Swedgan, 3. Robin Axley.

Open winners were 1. Cindy Sawbek, 2. Jade McCormack, 3. Colleen Swedgan, 4. Macey Drobot and 5. Megan Charlton. (More photos, Page 6)

Heinsburg Community Club to mark 60 years

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff



The new hall - spring, 1976



HEINSBURG COMMUNITY CLUB catering to the Bendixen-Espetveidt wedding, February, 1973. Back: Lila Wilson, Bertha Christensen, Len Espetveidt, Joyce Nychyporuk, Pat Good, Winifred Howarth, Lena Kuziw, Goldie Lypowy, front: Dorothy Nelson, Grace Meger, Shirley Hendriks, Bertha Bazian, Helen Sikora.

Photo courtesy Heinsburg History website

Heinsburg Community Club will mark 60 years of serving the community this Saturday evening at a celebration paired up with the wind-up of the season's series of jamborees, which for this occasion, will start at 7 p.m. rather than in the afternoon.

Current and former Community Club members, jamboree performers, musicians and fans will come together to enjoy an evening of reminiscing, music and dancing in the grand old tradition that Heinsburg and district has enjoyed

through the past six decades, ever since the club's incorporation. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

According to Heinsburg's history website, community activities were going on ever since the hamlet began. The first community hall was built of logs on a site just south of the present hall. In the early years it was used as a school, until there was one built and then it reverted back to a hall and was used until 1958 when the present hall was built and the old one torn down.

The present hall has been expanded several

times and is sometimes still packed to capacity with local events, such as this Saturday's celebration of the Community Club's impressive milestone.

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